

CONCORDIA

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Stingers

Stingers finish 6th at basketball nationals

The Concordia Stingers women's basketball team went into the CIAU national championship in Thunder Bay, Ont., seeded sixth and finished the prestigious eight-team tournament in sixth place.

Last Friday, the Stingers met the No. 3-seeded Regina Cougars and lost 68-67. The Stingers battled back from a 40-27 halftime deficit, but couldn't quite come all the way back.

The first-round loss sent the Stingers to the consolation side of the draw where they met the U.P.E.I. Panthers. Concordia defeated the Atlantic champions 74-66 last Saturday to advance to the consolation final yesterday afternoon. The Stingers lost the fifth-place game 72-60 to the Western Mustangs.

Meanwhile the Victoria Vikings defeated the Manitoba Bisons 66-61 to win the championship. In the bronze medal game, the Laurentian Lady Vees beat Regina 73-72.

The tournament MVP was Lindsay Brooke of Victoria. The tournament all-stars were: Anne Smith, Manitoba; Lisa Koop, Victoria; Marjorie Kelly, Manitoba; Joy McNichol, Laurentian; and Medorann Harris, Regina. The R.W. Pugh Fair Play Award went to Concordia's Wanita Jones, a fourth-year guard from Montreal.

Montreal Canadiens pay tribute to Stingers

Le Club de Hockey Canadien invited the national champion Concordia Stingers women's hockey team to the Molson Centre last Saturday night. The team members enjoyed a meal in the press centre and then watched the Habs defeat the New Jersey Devils 4-2.

At the end of the first period, the Stinger Bee was flashed on the arena scoreboard and highlights of the Stingers' championship victory were also shown. Then the Stingers were taken down to the ice and presented to the Molson Centre crowd.

"It was very exciting," said Concordia team captain Kari Colpitts. "It was a really big deal for me and all of us on the Stingers. The Montreal Canadiens are so important in the hockey world and they have so much history of their own, I can't believe they thought it was important to highlight our accomplishment."